



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date February 25, 2004

In re the Application of

Masayuki KANNO

Application No.: 10/653,174

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Docket No.: 107609.01

For: METHOD OF STERILIZING MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired January 25, 2004, an extension of time for a period of 1 month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 151430 in the amount of \$110.00 in payment for:

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